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LETTER DATED 27 NOVEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 11 to 20 November 1995, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

11 November 1995

1. Southern region: 84 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Artawi, Chabaish, Busayyah and Jalibah.

12 November 1995

1. Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 117 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Artawi, Jalibah, Chabaish and Rumaythah.

3. On 12 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0945 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1115 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1305 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1425 hours.

4. At 1936 hours on 12 November 1995, a hostile two-aircraft formation dropped two heat flares 10 kilometres to the west of Shu'aybah.

13 November 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Artawi and Basra.

3. At 1420 hours on 13 November 1995, a hostile formation dropped a heat flare 15 kilometres west of Dohuk.

14 November 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Zakho, Amadiyah, Mosul, Dohuk and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Artawi, Jalibah, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Qurnah and Basra.

3. On 14 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1255 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1413 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1530 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1635 hours.

15 November 1995

1. Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. On 15 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1125 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1325 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1422 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1617 hours.

16 November 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 16 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1155 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1325 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1512 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1624 hours.

17 November 1995

1. Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Dohuk, Irbil, Aqrah, Mosul, Amadiyah and Zakho.

2. Southern region: 61 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Shinafiyah, Lasaf, Qurnah, Chabaish, Artawi, Busayyah and Jalibah.

3. On 17 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1100 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1228 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1410 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1525 hours.

18 November 1995

1. Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Basra, Qurnah, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

2. On 18 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1020 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1230 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1415 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1455 hours.

19 November 1995

1. Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Shinafiyah, Jabal Sanam and Artawi.

2. On 19 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1120 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1320 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1407 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1800 hours.

20 November 1995

1. Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 59 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Amadiyah and Basra.

3. At 1035 hours on 20 November 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1420 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this document circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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